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Sir:

**REQUEST FOR REPUBLICATION OF APPLICATION  
UNDER RULE 221(b)**

Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.221(b), applicants hereby request republication of the captioned application to correct a material mistake in the original publication occasioned by a material mistake of the US Patent Office.

The captioned application was published as US 2001/0043302 A1 on November 22, 2001. Claim 9 of US 2001/0043302 A1 differs from claim 9 of the captioned application as filed.

Unfortunately, claim 9 of US 2001/0043302 A1 erroneously reads as follows (note the boldface, italicized type employed to emphasis the publication error):

9. {INCORRECT PUBLISHED CLAIM} The liquid crystal display device of claim 1, where the phase compensation element is arranged so that b-axis forms an angle in a range of 15<sup>0</sup> to **750** with respect to a layer normal of the liquid crystal layer.

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It is therefore respectfully requested that the captioned application be republished with the correct version of claim 9 as originally filed, i.e., :

9. The liquid crystal display device of claim 1, where the phase compensation element is arranged so that b-axis forms an angle in a range of  $15^0$  to  $75^0$  with respect to a layer normal of the liquid crystal layer.

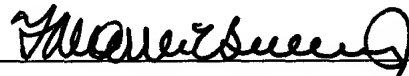
The Commissioner is authorized to charge the undersigned's deposit account #14-1140 in whatever amount is necessary for entry of these papers, e.g., the requested republication, and the continued pendency of the captioned application.

Respectfully submitted,

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